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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Snow up to 10 inches in the east and 5 inches in the west occurred Tuesday and Tuesday night. Additional snows over the weekend totaled up to 8 inches in the extreme southeast and generally less than 1½ inches elsewhere. Thawing occurred in the west on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Sub-zero temperatures were recorded in the north-east and north central on Wednesday morning, in the west on Friday morning and in all of Nebraska except the southeast on Monday morning. There was considerable blowing and drifting snow during the week. Snow on the ground at the close of the period (Monday morning) ranged from 10 inches to 20 inches in the northeast and north central, 2 inches to 8 inches in the northwest, 6 inches to 10 inches in the central and east central, 1 inch to 4 inches in the southwest and 2 inches to 8 inches in the southeast.

CROPS Cold weather and snow brought farm activity to a near standstill once again. Northern areas were digging out of the heaviest snowfall of the winter, and drifting was bad in some central and eastern sections. Snowfall was light in the southwest, but cold weather stopped the field work that had started earlier.

Snow cover was welcome on winter grain fields, providing protection for fields which began greening up in the last half of February. The moisture outlook for the spring season brightened in much of the State where surface soil lacked moisture. The heavy snows indicated some build-up in subsoil moisture for areas that had below normal reserves. Southeastern sections, plagued by heavy snow and soggy field conditions all winter, faced additional delay in winding up harvest of last year's corn and castor bean crops.

Field forage is covered by deep snow in some sections and grazing was more or less restricted, except in the southwestern counties. Demand for hay increased again as supplemental feeding became widespread. Hay supplies were again reduced at a fast rate.

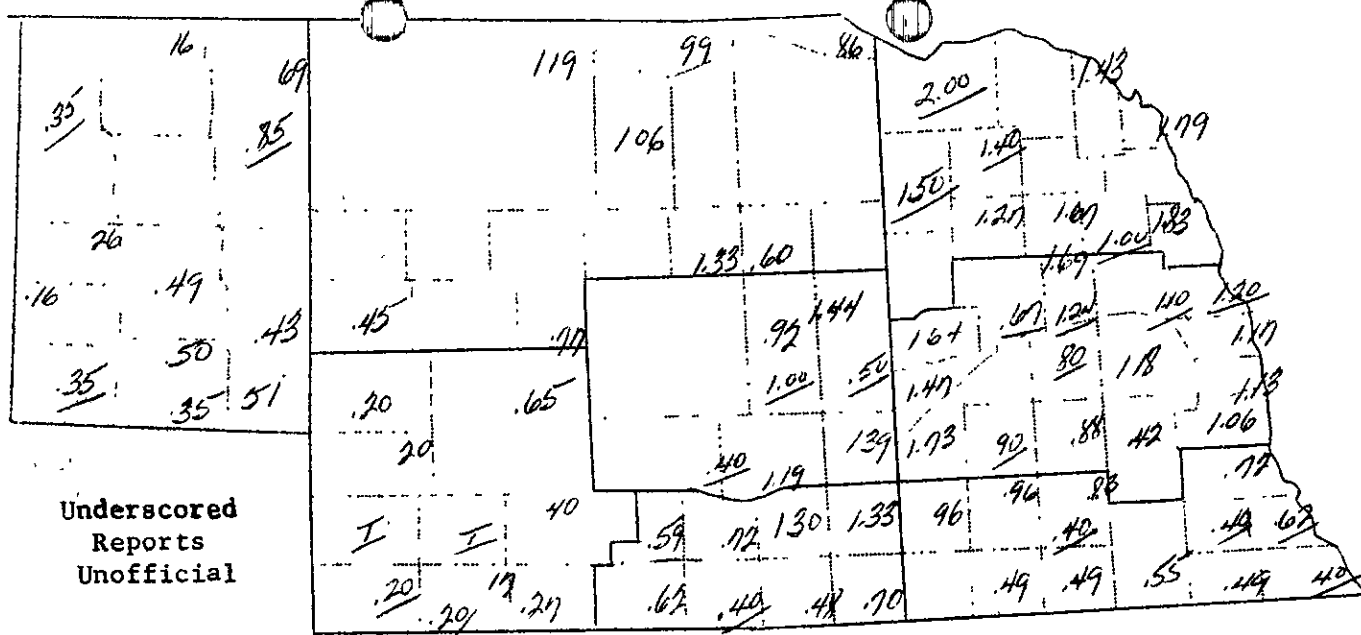
Corn and castor bean harvest was halted. Southeastern sections are concerned over the unusual delay and mounting losses in unharvested fields. In some localities, a fairly large percentage of corn remains to be picked, although for the State as a whole, the percentage unharvested is quite small.

LIVESTOCK Producers and feeders are devoting considerable time to the care of livestock. Production rates slipped, but no unusual death losses were noted. Marketings were held up by blocked roads and feeding conditions were difficult in areas experiencing heavy snow or excessive drifting.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 1962

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.83	Burwell	.60	Chadron	.15
Lincoln	.45	North Platte	.55	Imperial	---
Norfolk	.78	Valentine	.30	Scottsbluff	.33
Omaha	.88			Sidney	.11
Sioux City	.69				

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1962



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	34	24	29	6	21	5	40	4	16	-11	10	7	10	-3	10	-3
	Scottsbluff	45	22	32	10	26	11	42	8	28	-13	24	5	16	-10	16	-10
	Sidney	46	24	32	10	25	12	47	10	35	-5	12	5	15	-7	15	-7
NC	Burwell	33	6	26	6	10	-14	41	8	19	-7	9	-10	10	--	10	--
	Valentine	34	8	18	0	9	-12	37	5	17	-10	8	-3	7	-6	7	-6
NE	Norfolk	25	2	19	14	16	-14	27	16	21	3	9	-2	13	-2	13	-2
	Sioux City	21	-5	16	15	18	-16	17	14	22	14	14	0	16	4	16	4
CEN	Grand Island	28	8	27	14	14	2	34	20	26	3	12	3	12	0	12	0
EC	Lincoln	32	21	28	23	26	4	31	22	27	13	18	7	15	5	15	5
	Omaha	22	13	23	21	23	-7	24	19	26	15	15	4	16	4	16	4
SW	Imperial	50	27	35	10	29	16	50	18	32	-3	16	0	17	-6	17	-6
	North Platte	39	21	28	1	20	-4	42	16	38	-3	14	-2	13	-8	13	-8

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